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SUBJ: PROPOSED MOVE OF UN INTERNATIONAL TRADE LAW BRANCH TO VIENNA

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1. MISOFF HAS DISCUSSED UNCITRAL MOVE WITH A NUMBER OF AUSTRIANS INVOLVED WITH GOA CAMPAIGN TO FILL UP SPACE IN UN CITY AND WITH AUSTRIAN LEGAL PERSONNEL. BOTH GROUPS ACKNOWLEDGE PRIVATELY THAT IT NOT ESSENTIAL TO MOVE UNCITRAL AND THAT REASONS NOT TO MOVE UNCITRAL CONTAINED PARA 2 REFTEL ARE COGENT. RESPONSE THEY HAVE GIVEN TO QUESTION OF WHETHER UNCITRAL MOVE SHOULD BE RECONSIDERED IS FEAR IT WILL LEAD TO UNRAVELLING OF ENTIRE PACKAGE. AS THEY COME TO SEE SPACE BEING FILLED BY OTHER BODIES, THIS RATIONALE SHOULD DISAPPEAR. EFFORTS TO DELAY MOVE IF SUCCESSFUL COULD SUCCEED IN MEETING NEEDS OF UNCITRAL AS PERCEIVED BY AMERICAN BAR ASSOC. AND OTHER MAJOR U.S. LEGAL GROUPS.

2. RECENT CONVERSATION WITH UN SECRETARIAT INDICATES THAT THEY ARE CURRENTLY AWAITING REPORT ON LIBRARY SITUATION BY INDEPENDENT EXPERT. PRELIMINARY INDICATIONS ARE THAT REPORT WILL STATE IT FINANCIALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO CONTEMPLATE DUPLICATING
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LIBRARY RESEARCH FACILITIES THAT EXIST IN NEW YORK AREA AND ON WHICH UNCITRAL SECRETARIAT DRAWS HEAVILY UNLESS MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR EFFORT UNDERTAKEN. REPORT IS EXPECTED TO INDICATE THAT MINIMUM REFERENCE LIBRARY COULD BE ESTABLISHED FOR BETWEEN A HALF-MILLION AND A MILLION DOLLARS. PERSONS IN NEW YORK COMMUNITY NOTE THAT AVAILABILITY OF TRADING AND FINANCIAL COMMUNITY THAT EXISTS IN NEW YORK COULD NOT BE

DUPLICATED AND THAT UNCITRAL AND AMERICAN INFLUENCE IN UNCITRAL
WILL SUFFER BY ABSENCE OF CONSTANT INTERCHANGE WITH COMMERCIAL
COMMUNITY.
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